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## SONY/ATV MUSIC PUBLISHING EXPANDING, RELOCATING TO DOWNTOWN NASHVILLE

World's Leading Music Publisher to Invest Millions, Create Approximately 50-60 New Jobs

NASHVILLE—Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Bill Hagerty along with Sony/ATV Music Publishing officials today announced an expansion and relocation of the company's global administration offices within Nashville. Sony/ATV's offices, currently located at 65 Music Square West, will move to Fifth Third Center in downtown Nashville. Sony/ATV will invest several million dollars and create approximately 50-60 new jobs.

"Tennessee's diverse economy and world-renowned reputation in the music industry helps our state stand out among the competition," Hagerty said. "Sony/ATV's decision to expand in the heart of Nashville highlights Tennessee's great strength as a center of creative excellence in the music industry and provides valuable jobs to our high quality workforce. I want to thank Marty Bandier and everyone at Sony/ATV for their continued investment in Nashville."

"We are thrilled to have found such accessible and functional office space in downtown Nashville's beautiful Fifth Third Center. Our new offices will provide us the necessary room to expand, while still being part of Music City," Chairman & CEO of Sony/ATV Music Publishing Martin Bandier said. "We're particularly grateful to the incredible support from Nashville Mayor Karl Dean, the Department of Economic and Community Development and Governor Bill Haslam for helping us to continue to make Nashville, Tennessee Sony/ATV's global administration hub."

"We are excited that Sony/ATV is expanding their footprint here in Nashville," President and CEO of the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce Ralph Schulz said, "As a key member of Nashville's incredibly diverse music and entertainment industry, Sony/ATV's expansion continues to make our city a creative core for the region and the country."

Sony/ATV will occupy three full floors at the Fifth Third Center and is set to move to the building before the end of the year. The long-term presence of Sony/ATV's creative offices on historic Music Row, located at 8 Music Square West, will not be affected by this move.

## **About Sony/ATV Publishing**

Sony/ATV Music Publishing, established in 1995 as a joint venture between Sony and Michael Jackson, is the world's leading music publisher. Together with EMI Music Publishing, Sony/ATV owns or administers more than 2 million copyrights including those from such iconic music catalogs like Leiber Stoller, Mijac Music, Motown and Famous Music. Sony/ATV also controls

many of the best known songs ever written like "New York, New York," "Hallelujah," "All You Need Is Love," "You've Got a Friend," "Moon River," "Jailhouse Rock," "The Mission Impossible Theme," "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," "Over the Rainbow," "Stand By Me," "I Heard It Through the Grapevine" and "Singin' in the Rain." In addition, Sony/ATV represents the copyrights of such legendary artists as The Beatles, Leonard Cohen, Neil Diamond, Bob Dylan, Marvin Gaye, Michael Jackson, Carole King, Kraftwerk, Joni Mitchell, Willie Nelson, Roy Orbison, Queen, The Rolling Stones, Richie Sambora, Sting, The Supremes, Wyclef Jean, Hank Williams and Stevie Wonder, among others. Its ever-growing list of chart-topping artists, writers and producers includes Akon, Fall Out Boy, Jessie J, Norah Jones, Alicia Keys, Lady Gaga, John Mayer, P!nk, RedOne, Shakira, Ed Sheeran, Stargate, Taylor Swift and Kanye West.

## **About the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development**

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